

ONEIDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 23, 2016

Members present: Ms. Carol Pederson, Mr. Bob Metropulos, Mr. William Freudenberg, and Mr. Alan VanRaalte

Staff: Ms. Mary Rideout, Ms. Tammy Walters, Ms. Lu Ann Brunette, Ms. Beth Hoerchler, Ms. Angela Beauchaine, Ms. Amy Mayo, and Ms. Donna Schultz

Excused: Mr. Mitchell Ives

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda:

The regular meeting of the Oneida County Social Services Committee was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson. The Chairperson noted that the meeting had been properly posted and mailed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Minutes of Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee – January 26, 2016:

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to approve the Social Services/Veteran's Services Committee minutes of January 26. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment:

None.

Veteran's Services:

1. Update on LRB-4524/1:

Ms. Tammy Walters informed that LRB-4524 was introduced at the tail end of January and language was changed to "each county shall have ..." to "each county may have" The authors, Sen. Van Wanggaard and Rep. Ken Skowronski said the intent was to allow counties to share officers, saving money that could be used for veterans benefits. Local officials and veterans disagreed, stating it is already extremely difficult for veterans to get the care they need and removing local contact points would only make the situation worse.

Ms. Tammy Walters stated that days after the original draft was pulled, it was reintroduced as SB668 and eventually AB821, which contained much the same language. Ms. Tammy Walters stated that an amendment was added to reverse the clause about service officers, but after a 2.5 hour hearing, it was pulled from the floor in the Executive Session indefinitely because of additional concern about drastic changes to the way the state veteran's board would be appointed and the power it would hold.

Ms. Tammy Walters feels the bill will be reintroduced.

2. **2015 and 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:**
Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to accept statistical and comp time report. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:**
Ms. Tammy Walters disbursed the final 2015 Line Item Transfers.

Motion by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve the vouchers and line item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**
Ms. Tammy Walters will be gone for the March 22, 2016 meeting and offered to have staff Jason attend meeting. Committee members agreed that was not necessary and the March 22 meeting will involve Social Services only.

Social Services/Family Care:

1. **2015 Employee Service Awards:**
Ms. Nancy Fedderly was recognized for 20 years with Social Services; Ms. Anne Prom was recognized for ten years with Social Services; and Ms. Carrie Mikalauski, Ms. Heidi Brown, and Ms. Susan Liberski were recognized for five years with Social Services.
2. **Waiting Room Renovation:**
Ms. Mary Rideout and Ms. Lu Ann Brunette, Facilities Director, discussed planned renovations to the Social Services Lobby area. Ms. Mary Rideout discussed safety concerns for both Social Services and the Courthouse in general. Mr. Alan VanRaalte feels bullet-proof glass should be installed at a cost of around \$1,100.00.

Ms. Lu Ann Brunette informed that some re-wiring has been done to the small courtroom and furniture has been removed. Ms. Lu Ann Brunette stated the contractor will be starting renovations March 1.
3. **Wisconsin Trauma Project:**
Ms. Mary Rideout attended her first Trauma Project meeting.

Ms. Mary Rideout, Lead Social Work Supervisor Ms. Mary Gadzalinski, other staff and selected parents will be members of the Implementation Team and procedures and policies will be reviewed/ revised accordingly.
4. **Pre-Employment Agreement – Child Support and Economic Support Specialists:**
Ms. Mary Rideout stated Social Workers are currently signing the Pre-Employment Agreement. It has been determined that training costs for ES Specialists and, to a degree, Child Support Specialists merit having future employees sign a Pre-Employment Agreement as well.

Motion by Mr. William Freudenberg, seconded by Mr. Bob Metropulos, to approve Pre-Employment Agreements for future Child Support and Economic Support Specialists. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Staffing and Legislative Update:

Ms. Mary Rideout informed that Economic Support has had a vacancy since November. An offer was made and accepted but the candidate later declined.

An offer was made to a second person and we are waiting to see if this person has accepted.

6. 2015 and 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports:

The committee reviewed the Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. It is projected that the Agency will have a surplus of approximately \$440,000.00 for the year 2015. Ms. Mary Rideout stated things are looking even for 2016.

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the 2015 and 2016 Financial/Statistical/Comp. Time Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Audit of Payments/Line Item Transfers:

Motion by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. Alan VanRaalte, to approve the Audit of Payments and Line Item transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

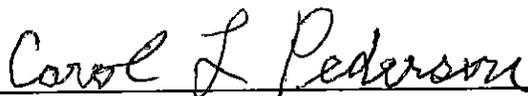
Ms. Mary Rideout will try to have a report on the reduction of Food Share cases in Oneida County.

9. Adjourn:

There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, it was moved by Mr. Bob Metropulos, seconded by Mr. William Freudenberg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in First Floor Conference Room on the first floor. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Alan VanRaalte



Ms. Carol Pederson, Chairperson

Date: February 23, 2016